

Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communication Secondary Student

Introduction:

Electronic information resources are available to qualifying students in the Dolores School District. These resources include access to the Internet and other network files or accounts. Our goal in providing electronic services to students is to promote educational excellence.

Scope:

Worldwide access to computers and people may involve the availability of materials considered to be inappropriate, illegal, or of no educational value. On a global network it is virtually impossible to control all materials. However, through a filtering and monitoring system, the district has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. Users who access, publish or attempt to access or publish inappropriate material or illegal Internet sites, will be subject to discipline; which may include the possibility of suspension or expulsion. The smooth operation of the network is dependent upon the proper conduct of the users who must follow school rules and regulations. The rules and regulations are provided so that student users are aware of the responsibilities they are about to accept. In general, their responsibilities necessitate acceptable, ethical, and appropriate utilization of the electronic network resources.

Terms and Conditions of this Acceptable Use Agreement:

The student signature at the end of this Acceptable Use Agreement is legally binding. The combined signatures also indicate the student and parent/guardian have carefully read and understood the terms and conditions of appropriate use and thereby agree to abide.

1. Acceptable Use: Acceptable use means that a student uses the Internet and other electronic information resources in an appropriate manner, abiding by the rules and regulations as described in this agreement.

2. Privileges: The use of electronic information resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of these resources may result in disciplinary action (including the possibility of **SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, AND/OR REFERRAL TO LEGAL AUTHORITIES**). The principal, or network administrator may limit, suspend or revoke access to electronic resources at any time.

3. Network Etiquette: Each student is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of user etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to the following: Be polite. Never send or encourage others to send abusive messages. Use appropriate language. (Whatever is written, sent, or received on an individual computer has the potential to be viewed globally.)

Students must use electronic mail appropriately. Students will not use the Internet for sales, advertisements or solicitations, etc.. E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating

to or in support of illegal activities or inappropriate activities, as pertaining to this Acceptable Use Policy, must be reported to the principal, or network administrator.

4. Unacceptable Network Use:

Transmission or intentional receipt of any inappropriate material or material in violation of law or district policy is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material (including music, video, and text); threatening or obscene material; material protected by trade secrets; commercial activities by for-profit institutions; use of product advertisement or political lobbying, including lobbying for student government office; the design or detailed information pertaining to explosive devices, criminal activities or terrorist acts; uploading of video in or outside of school grounds that harasses another student, teacher, or staff member; sexism or sexual harassment; pornography; gambling; illegal solicitation; racism; and inappropriate language. Illegal or inappropriate activities, use of the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others, or activities of any kind that do not conform to the rules, regulations and policies of the Dolores School District, are forbidden.

5. Vandalism: Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy property of the user, another user or of any other agencies or networks that are connected to the Network or the Internet system. Vandalism also includes, but is not limited to: abusive overloading of data on the server, or the uploading, downloading or creation of computer viruses. Any engagement in network vandalism constitutes unacceptable use and will subject the student to appropriate disciplinary action.

6. Security: Security on any computer system is a high priority because of multiple users. Do not use another individual's account nor log onto the system as the network administrator. Any security concern must be reported to the principal, teacher/supervisor or network administrator.

7. Privacy Students are prohibited from revealing personal information, such as: home address, phone numbers, password, credit card numbers or social security number, etc. on the internet; this also applies to others' personal information or that of organizations. When publishing on the Internet, students' pictures should not be identifiable by name.

8. Service Disclaimer: Dolores School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Dolores School District will not be responsible for any damages the student may suffer while on this system. These damages may include, but are not limited to: loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or by student error or omission. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at the student's own risk. Dolores School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through electronic information resources.

I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand that Internet sites are filtered and that Internet use on my district computer may be monitored. I hereby agree to comply with the above described conditions of acceptable use.

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby give my permission and approve the use of the Internet and other electronic communications for my child.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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LEGAL REFS.: 47 U.S.C. 254(h) (*Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000*)
 47 U.S.C. 231 (*Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998*)
 20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq. (*Elementary and Secondary Education Act*)
 C.R.S. 22-87-101 et seq. (*Children's Internet Protection Act*)

